

Mr. Powell,

It is imperative that the media not become a monopoly of single minded people spewing out single minded thought. I am sure you are well aware of the influence of ownership on a media outlet. It is important that the media not diverse and open to local independent ownership rather than large corporate control.

It is absolutely critical that the rule changes regarding media consolidation are open to public debate. A monopolistic media was the beginning of tyrannical dictatorships such as Nazi Germany. I have to wonder if you have any friends from Italy...have you asked them about their media? I hardly think the founding fathers intended for a voracious media empire to rule their hard fought democracy. This debate needs to be public, and you MUST make that happen.

Thank you and good luck...please do what is right, and follow the democratic principles on which this country was founded, which freed so many people from misguided, fearful human beings.